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TAGS: BTRA, UR, US

SUBJ: OFFICIAL ESCORTS FOR SOVIET COMMERCIAL VISITORS

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH COMMATT, EASTERN EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CO. (DEC) REPORTED THAT HE HAD FOUND THAT DECISION ASSIGN OFFICIAL DOD ESCORT TO SOVIET COMPUTER DELEGATION WHICH VISITED U.S. IN JULY HAD PRODUCED VERY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION ON SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL INVOLVED. DEC REP HAD JUST COME FROM MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER (MINISTRY OF MEANS OF AUTOMATION, CONTROL SYSTEMS AND INSTRUMENT-MAKING) YE. I. KAVALEROV, WHO HEADED SOVIET DELEGATION. KAVALEROV ASKED DEC REP "WHAT THE AMERICANS THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO STEAL?" DEC REP SAID HE ATTEMPTED EXPLAIN DECISION ASSIGN ESCORT AS "COURTESY" OF U.S. SIDE, AN EXPLANATION WHICH PRODUCED SMILES FROM SOVIETS.

2. DEC REP NOTED THAT HIS COMPANY MAINTAINS VERY TIGHT SECURITY CONTROLS ON VISITORS TO ITS MANUFACTURING AND RESEARCH FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH THESE CONTROLS WERE DESIGNED TO PROTECT DEC FROM ITS COMPETITORS, HE SAID, THEY WOULD APPLY WITH EQUAL FORCE TO SOVIETS. ACCORDINGLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT LITTLE PURPOSE WAS SERVED BY ASSIGNING DOD ESCORT.

3. COMMENT: WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO BEAR ABOVE COMMENTS IN MIND WHEN PLANNING FOR FUTURE VISITS, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE FIRMS WHICH HAVE DEMONSTRATED SENSITIVITY TO SECURITY PROBLEMS AND  
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